Rec'd Jan 25th
Ans'd same day

New York Jany 22nd 1863

Dear Dr. Engelmann

I send in L'Illustration Horticole for Nov. 1862. an article by Chas. Lemaire, containing some strictures on your Cactology - He thinks you are wrong in your considering Pilocereus as a subgenus & thinks it is a good genus & therefore calls Cereus gigantens Pilocereus Engelmanni. Thinking that this would interest you I write to say that if you have not seen the article I will loan it to you -

I have left Michigan & am now one of the Editors of the Agriculturist - I hope to get some time for botany but am not sufficiently settled to be able to work much yet -

Very truly

George Thurber

Care of American Agriculturist
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N York City

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Rec'd May 5th 1863
Ans May 9

Mrs Albertina
Mastersons
Gadsden
Charleston

New York May 1st 63

Dear Doct. Engelmann.

Your kind letter as well as the Journal came. I have been miserable with Neuralgia for sometime - My friend Buchanan has a stray Cactaceae which came among some Orchids from S. America - I think - He does not recognize it as any cultivated species & as you can determine it so much better than I, I send it to you please report to oblige

Truly yours

George Thurber.

I had to make a new genus of that queer genus Vaseya - In my specimen the styles were all pollen - If you have a sketch of them or of ovary & Synanthers please send -

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New-York, May 19 1863

Dear Doct. Engelmann

Mr Buchanan says that Mr Coulter is quite out of flower & has now fruit of the size of peas. He is quite sure that the petals are reflexed. The sepals are not reflexed. It probably came from Honduras but as it is a Chance plant he is not sure which, among several lots of Orchids, it came with. He will send you a piece & thinks we had better wait till the fruit ripens, when it can all go together. I will try & get you some pink flowers - do you wish more of the Coniferæ - Cactus mostly? - I have the Transactions - the vol is incomplete - Pages 141 to 164 missing

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& from 183 to 196 - As I suppose
the Academy has them for
sale I would like to buy a full
set from the beginning -
Have not had time to copy
your drawing of Vaseya - will
return it when I do.

In haste
very truly
George Hunter

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Rec'd Oct 9th
Ans Oct 18, 1864

New York Oct 4th 1863

My Dear Doctr Engelmann

Your two notes were duly received - Mr Buchanan has not yet & I had to wait until he had returned from his journey - I went to his place to see about the Cereus - He had cut off the only fruiting piece to send to You - He has two plants both from one same place. They are very much alike in size & habit & though probably different species & Mr B. cannot now positively tell which one it was that flowered - To guess at matters & you will have confusion to wait until the next flowering season - I might have procured pieces of both to send to you but I did not think of it while I was there. I can do this if you wish - Mr B will take great pains to have you this fruit another time - he is very good about such things and has a great sympathy with botanists - He would like a list of Var. C. Thurberi &c.

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you publish an account of 6 Discriatus please send it to Buchanan, Scot Torrey is sick - he has to go to Washington now & then to see about the new currency business & his time has been so much broken up this summer that I think he does but very little in botany - I hurent looked at a "botanical flirt" this summer but hope soon to get settled down & at work - I have quite a collection from Bolander of California to work out - There are quite a number of specimens of Eriogonums, a rather rare Genus - I dont recollect whether it is in your herb - I shall be glad to have one for you - Days - also I believe you have my correspondence - did last summer on the Isthmus of Panama - I did get you any pine flowers as you [illegible] botanist upon whom I depend - went to the wars - Dont be afraid of "trouble" when I can be of any service to you

very truly

George Thurber

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Rec'd Dec 8th

New York Dec. 5th 1864.

Dear Doct Engelmann

Yours of last Sept has been
laid on my table ale this while-
2 gave the Specimen of Cacrus to Mr
Buchanan & he was glad to get it.
His plants are at Astoria & as he is
not there for weeks sometimes, he quite
overlooked his plants at flowering time
& omitted to notify me. I will try
& keep track of it next season.
2 am glad you are straightening out
the Cullitriches. 2 hope you are as
successful in diagnosis in obscure
medical cases as you are in botani-
cal ones. Doct. Torrey is well & is still
engaged in putting his herbarium in
order. He is one of the trustees of Colum-
bia college & that takes much of his
time. 2 had to omit botanical study
during the summer & fear that 2 shall
not do much better this winter, as
2 lecture again at the College of
Pharmacy. 2 have just finished
up the last lot of California grasses
& have been obliged to make several
new species, although 2 had a part
of them in manuscript already.
2 shall be able to give you some

Specimens, but the collection is a very unequal one, there being but one Representative of some things, while of others there will be 20 or more.
You ask me how I get along with the times which you regard as "politically, financially & socially miserable" As you have introduced the subject I will define my position - The times are just splendid - Politically nothing could be better. The people have decided that the war shall go on until the last Rebel is conquered or killed - The finances never troubled me, I always had just too little money & have the same now & always expect to have. We don't see anything socially miserable here - Perhaps living in a free State you do - Well it serves them right, they ought to be miserable & the more their misery will increase until they give up slavery & rebellion - They will have to do both & the sooner it is done the better for them - As you asked my views there they are in short. Those of a Radical abolitionist, with the strongest Union sentiments. You seem to find a gloomy aspect in affairs, that may be due to your surroundings. But you have the great consolation

of being able to withdraw from all
that is distasteful & shut yourself up
with the plants, which know neither
sun nor politics. I am always
glad to hear from you & am

Ever truly yours

Geo. Thurber

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Rec'd Dec 29 1865

New York Dec 26 = 1865

My Dear Doct Engelmann

Upon overhauling a pile of letters I find a note from Buchanan, written last July, inclosing some seeds of his Epiphyllum or Cereus. I quite forgot about it, but forward them now- I lost the opportunity of seeing the plant in flower last spring as Mr B. is seldom at Astoria except in Summer. Chapman was here & made us a nice visit - I showed him several Florida grasses which he had not before seen-

Very truly yrs

George Thurber

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Rec'd Jan 10 14

New York Jany 6-67-

My Dear Doctor Engelmann

Your letter of Oct 4th & Dec. 13 have been on my table as a reminder to attend to your request about Insects. My plants are all at Columbia Col. legé & I have not been there since Spring — (except 8 days which I kept with me) I have been in a perfect Maelstrom of work & the more I struggle to get out of it the more I am drawn in — I am engaged concerned in the publication of Agricultural & horticultural books & everything I can scientific & spirit has to be revised & prepared for the press by me — I find it worse than to write a book — I gave up my lectures in both of these Univ

winter, but until the 1st of June I can keep busy day & night on work which may help the pocket but does not suit Botany. I am half miserable over it. But I hope to begin the year with better prospects. Tuesday - my first diagnosis - I will go & see about the Insects. I have quite forgotten about the plant, but I now think I know what you mean - If it is in my herb. I shall be able to tell you its history. I shall be glad of duplicates of any Insects - Flowers or anything, provided you will allow me to repay in my own way. I have lost our particular of interest in plants - Anyone guesses I can probably have right off for you & I should like to have something that must be done, as grasses all throw me away from business.

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if anything will. The Pinus ponderosa remained - for which thanks. - Will tell you what I find about Insects in a few days

I am as ever

Truly Yours

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New-York, Aug 28 1867

Hon Dod Tryelman-

Your pursel came just as I was leaving for a trip to the north in search of some strength - I shall probably be in St. Louis on the 11th of Sept to attend the Pomological Convention - I have not time to answer your queries now, but can refer you to my work on Fruits

Sincerely Yours

George Thurber

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Aug Dec 22

New-York, December 2, 1867.

Dear Sir:

The present month completes a half century that has passed since the publication of Dr. John Torrey's first contribution to Botanical Literature. That an anniversary so interesting to every botanist may be properly celebrated, the Botanical Club of this city invite you to meet with them at **A SUPPER,** *to be given by them in honor of the occasion, at Parlors 13 and 14, Astor House, on Friday, the 20th inst.*

Very respectfully yours,

GEORGE THURBER,
JAMES HOGG,
On behalf of the Club.

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Dear Doctor Engelmann.

"An Early answer Requested" Engelm. in Litt.

It is Early in the morning - at least after twelve at night - I hope that is Early Enough.

1 2 did receive Parry Grass

2 I would like to See Grass from Arizona or any where.

I will Sincerely return them, though I dont Know what "at once" means 'tother Side of the Missisippi - Hopes has been See all the Grass Cutters Confidence all the Grass.

Very Sincerely

Geo Engelmann

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Rec Feb 20
Ans Same Day.

New York Feb 16-68.

Dear Prof Engelmann.

Your favor of 8 Grapes (Palmer's) came - & have been very violent & written strictly at working for you - I have four lots - & that 2 may enable to the matter - it is so long since some of them came - I will tell you about my recollection is about them -

1 - a collection by Dr Gould Palmer - 2 was to take out duplicates & return the rest -

2 a collection by Parry 2 was to keep & send you

the name -

3 a coll by Palmer - to be returned -

4 - a small lot collected by Dr Hayden - I have forgotten about them -

Thanks for the Muffin -

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which I will distribute -
2. Is it of any use to look
for flowers or fruit - I did
not find any at the first
& only trial I made -
Could you send me a
sketch of the inflorescence of
this or some other sp. to use
at the Bot. Club. I might make
it all clear
I did not know of
your going to Europe until
your last, though in a pre-
vious letter you spoke of
"packing up"
I am to
Very Truly Yours
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Dear Doctor Engelmann -

You write me to punch up Doct. Torrey - but whom will you get to punch up me? - The case is thus - I sent to Dr. Torrey for your punch. but none coming for a weeks or more I went to the College: the first fellow I met told me that you had left anything there, but afterwards found the punch & sent it to me - I then wrote Gray to know if there was yet time to send in your log - The wrote that the log had gone. So I have your punch yet. Shall it go by express or await an opportunity which often occurs of sending to some of your booksellers in a parcel of books. About Palmetto - I dont know when to send it to get it saved. It will be a terrible job to save it by hand as a number must perish. Do you write to Swallow now? I wish I could get a few root of Lewisia - Dont forget Opuntias.

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& a Bit of Buchloë from Thurs Sunday
2 Hunter Very Truly
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"The Pines" ~~New-York~~, Janj 10th 1877

My Dear Doctor Engelmann.

It is two bad, after your kind note of Nov. last, not to have answered you sooner. My verdict on your conduct in not coming to New York, is like that of the Western (probably Missouri) jury, who brought in "Not Guilty, provided he leave the state within 24 hours" — You laugh at my going to the city three days in succession — instead of regarding it — as you should — as a manifestation of my desire to see you — Well this is an ungrateful world, and I never had half my good deeds appreciated, while all my bad ones have been looked at through a multiplying glass. Going to the city is, with me a mere waste of time, and I am subject to such constant interruption of my studies, that I can only go when I am obliged to — I am sorry that you have been annoyed by the publication of my letter to Mr. Thurber — I did not suppose that it would be published, and I wrote it in a hurry, and without much thought — I am glad that you have written to Mr. Thurber, and I hope that you will succeed in getting your money — I have written to him, and I hope that he will send it to you — I am sorry that you have been annoyed by the publication of my letter to Mr. Thurber — I did not suppose that it would be published, and I wrote it in a hurry, and without much thought — I am glad that you have written to Mr. Thurber, and I hope that you will succeed in getting your money — I have written to him, and I hope that he will send it to you —

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exceptions there that I never try to write.
them. and scarcely to correspond.
—But as to my friend, because I
didn't see you. its nothing to mechanics.
The poor fellow wrote me the most mel-
ancholy letter; yourself, Grey, Sargent,
myself, and I dont know who else,
were all at the Centennial, and didn't
go to see him — He was blue than the Jero-
glyphics (under which a calf becomes a
cyanide of Iron, a Prussian blue
cow in a few hours). He thought there
"could not be much personal regard"
and all that — I felt in a sassy mood,
and I think you would have laughed
over the reply I made. It is astonishing
that so sensitive a fellow should be so
needlessly sensitive. There is a great
supply of trouble in the world, if one
only looks for it. "yesterday, today
a friend is the same; forever"; and if after not hearing from him in 10 or 20 years, I can't
feel that I can pick him up just
where I left him, I don't care to bother
about him." But, Oh Mr. Dod! my
rage at your short comings — indeed not
coming at all, is as nothing to my wrath

now! You "like to see a good solid man mad at" you – I can supply you with satisfaction for the rest of your days. If you were "tickled" at my former "mad" my present madder (not Rubia) shall induce opiothotonos, or some such thing – Hold on – though – I dont think I am mad after all..! I'm I'm glad – I fling up my hat! I crow!!– Yes – sir – I am sorry it didint happen in the centennial year, when I could have rolled myself in the American flag & shouted Hail Columbia!

But it will do to begin the new century with – I shall record it on purchment, and leave it to my children's children (I have to do that, having none of my own!). Next in the year 1877. it being the one hundred and onth year of Independence, Doct. G. E. published as brave new and just before the world, that which I (that is to express my modesty) discovered in 1874 – !– !! – !!! – !!!! – I am almost ready to say "now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace" – All other earthly honors dim in the light of this – The future can have in store no greater triumph– Indeed I am ready to say "Bully – for me!"

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Perhaps you will like to know what all this
fuss ago is about. None of us are abso-
lutely perfect; the sun has spots, and I
have always had an ill-defined feeling
that there was something lacking even
in yourself. Still I never could make it
out, just now I know. Like the Yocs
Egg needed to complete the dome of the
Julian (or what you "Arabian Nights"), one thing
was lacking. Eureka! - You dont read
the American Agriculturist!! - "How do I
know?" - Had you done so you would
never have written in the "Botanical Gazette"
(Coulters) for Jun. 1877. about "A New Cuscuta"
new at least to North America". in the
manner you did. Instead, you would
have said: "I have received from Rev. E. L.
Greene a Cuscuta which he thinks new.
If he wishes to know all about it, he
will find it described and figured in
the American Agriculturist for Dec. 1874.

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And by the way Mr. Fayette man, if any one wishes to ~~know~~ write anything about plants that have any Economical value, or otherwise, he should first consult the pages of that most reliable and remarkably wide-awake journal, else if he dont mind, he will find that the Editor is a cuss-cutter than himself. Who has taken the wind out of his sails, bunged his two eyes (pair o'sights) as if he had been in an epi-fight." But he suggested before I'm too much to say anything. So I cheerfully forgiveness for all the good you have done me, send me copy of the paper aforesaid. that you may see that it is not so new as you supposed. Though not a cuscutographer, I manage to sit upon the right chair in this case, which is very satisfactory. You moved from the East to escape the coming winter; if you are one of the sub-tropicals, you were wise, but if you would enjoy a winter, of the style people call "old fashioned", you should have stuck. Sleighing has been good for some weeks. I am having a pupil at work on my pictures, which has not of late years been common,

"posted up" as book keepers say. This reminds me to ask you to follow the excellent example of Gray, and consecrate a pigeon hole to the subscriber, wherein are to be put whatever specimens can be spared. If your will do this I will endeavor to see that the reciperocity shall not be all on one side. (Mem. I must grass always)
Dont save this to be published with my shabby notice as an example of my elegant epistolary style. The fact is I have been working all day & evening at the annoying task of preparing the Mss. of other people for the printer - it's miserable work. But must be done for persons who have ideas. but no words. So if I have allowed my pent up pen to get on a rampage, this will in part excuse it. It is not too late to wish yourself & Mrs Engelmann a Happy New year from Sincerely yrs

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"The Rise" New-York, Feb. 24th 1878

Dear Doct. Engelmann.

Yours found me back
up with an ill turn & 2 come the
rest look up the Oaks of John Town
— My specimens are very young —
just coming into flower — not the
sign of a capsule. My note as
to the seeds does not imply that
I tried them. or even saw them.
but like worms &c — items. I
put it down as it was told by the
natives. Leaves of lines run from
3 to 5 — and one leaf has 7 lobes.
Hope not been able to send the
papers you kindly sent — Am so-
ry I cant help you on the seed.
Dont feel much like writing
As ever yours truly
George Thurber

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New-York, Sept. 15 1879

Dear Doct Engelmann.

It was really a dis-
appointment, not to have seen you
when you were here = Please
let me know on what day
you will return - You note said
in about 10 or 12 days" - Nine of
these days have passed, and I
now fear that you will return
while I am away. I shall go
to Rochester to-morrow night and
can not stay on what day I will
be back - I infer that you go back
to Cambridge - At all events let me
know what your future plans are
and how - or rather when you can
make me a visit - I must have
at least a night from you,
and as much more as I can

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Sept. 2 If I know what your plans are, I will endeavor to conform my movements to them, but in the present case my absence will be to meet an Engagement that I can not well postpone.

Very Sincerely
Aloyse Hurter

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New York, Sept n 25 1881

Dear Dr. Engelmann -

Nearly two weeks ago I made a visit to our friend Sargent at Brookline, & was a very quiet guest; as I passed nearly a week in my room, oscillating between the bed and an easy chair and trying to make the rest of a rheumatic foot that had puffed itself up as if it had done something to be proud of. That is merely introductory to the statement that I was glad to learn from you and that you enjoyed your trips among the wilds -

You see that all this is preparatory to asking a favor. Can you

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tell from a "Specimen bird" the styles of architecture of a building? - If so you may be able to know a Pine by its leaves. I send foliage of a Pine from Pearce Co. Washington Terr. The only description given is: "Form in the same soil as Abies Douglasii"

If you can give me the name I shall be glad, as it will oblige a good friend.

Your above queries: Did you harvest any interesting hay? There are yet a good many good things to be picked up in those mountains of California & Nevada, where species seem to be very much restricted to limited localities. If you have anything good, don't forget to give us a taste -

Very sincerely Yrs

George Hurlbert

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New York, Oct 25th 1881

My Dear Prof Engelmann -

Thanks for your pleasant letter, and for the name of the Pine. "2 ought to have known it" indeed! 2 do not presume to name for Western trees from the leaves only, when there is the very Terebinthinate High Priest within reach. So also with vines - whence of Ecce signum! - Can you as kindly dispose of this? It comes from Florida "the Southern part of the State" is as near as 2 have its habitat. Fruit described as hang 6 to 8 berries to the cluster, "white with a pink cheek". "vine small, bark brown". This gives you all the information that 2 have. The person who sends it, while

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most much of a botanist is an Excellent Horticulturist and has a keen Eye for plants - He thinks it is undescribed.

Yes, I do care for grasses - As soon as we get some cool weather I shall distribute the duplicates of the Eul. collections. There will be a chance for you to have your pile added to - So when you get your load of hay (Is it Hoyesian ammition?) ready, send it on - this summer now

the letter.

So you are a Rheumatiess also - It is most one of the cases in which misery likes company -

Very Truly Yours

George Thurber

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"The Rhis" ~~New York,~~ Nov. 16th 1881

Mydear Doctor.

You must excuse me - but I could get about Sooner - You have got back of a long-shore thing -

Fringis purpurea Gray. and as many other names as you choose. The bits you send have lost - or never had - their upper florets and this no doubt both-ered you. Yours are not old enough to get the purple color -

As ever truly

Asa Gray

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New York, Dec 6th 1881

Dear Doct. Engelmann -

If there is anything that I do not like, it is to be hurried, and I write not to try to hurry you; I will merely state a fact, and if that has the effect of hurrying you - upon your remembering that I did it - and not on mine - I have a large lot of California grasses to assort and make up into sets. - These - the collection of Cal., State survey in part, and in part (and a large one) the accumulations of various correspondents. I was intending, so soon as longer evenings came, to go at work at them, when you informed me that you had a lot to be named, and from often I had word from Lemmon that

I had a collection for me to
name (which came to hand
today). I need not tell you
who I am but I am much ex-
perienced, that I can identify
when you have a set of plants
in hand, how much more read
by you can dispose of collec
tions, to turn them up while you
attention is upon those from
the same country -
This is all the hurrying up I sh
do.
But I wish to ask? Of course
I do not know if you intend t
send me your whole lot of
hay, or only a set. If you le
the whole, how far can I mi
use of them?
Please state th
clearly - Of course, if you have
anything unusual, I would like
to distribute (with credit of course I
in the sets that I should receive
up - In returns - it is likely th
I can give you many specimens
would not readily get else
where in a long time. As to

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duto Survey hwy - I do not
recollect of any unique -
thoughthere are Lerenne Exem -
ties of which Specimens are
few - When you have to do
with your own Specialties, you
know what your duty is to your
own herbarium - as human
nature is much alike, I shall
no doubt do with the Speci -
mens, much as you would. In
making up the Sets. I have to
provide 1st The Cent. acad. hist. Ser -
2d - The Harvard Herbarium
3d - Brewer - for the Yale Herb -
4th - Phila Acad. Nat. Sciences -
5 - Kew Herb -
6 - Paris Museum - much
Beyond these I have not thought as
yet of course I should not
forget you.
Now if you send me a single
hundred Set, I shall know
what to do with it - But if

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New York, Jany 4th 1882

Dr Dear Dret Engelmann -

The best reply
I can make to your favs
letter is to say - Send all
your fine western grasses, and
I will do by you as I would
have you do by me. It is against
all rule for one who collects
an unique specimen to part
with it. While the probabilities
are not large that you will
have such specimens. Should
such occur, I will see that
your interests are properly
cared for - Send on the bag -
the quicker now the better.
Hoping that you are in the
enjoyment of all the good

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things that we wish for our
friends at this season, I
am Very Truly as Ever

Joyce Thurber

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P.S. This of course says yes to your
query about the Montana and
Utah collections.

Gray says that Bentham having
squelched his (86) Thurberia, has
made another one among the
grasses. Though he could not
remember what it was.

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"The Rise" New York, Jany 16 1882

Dear Doct Engelmann,

Yours of 12th is at hand - I suppose I may as well go upon the principle of "In for a Penny, in for a Pound" — and as I am about distributing western grasses, and you have a lot - your 1857-60 collections must go and dispose of them, you had better add them to the general load of hay for distribution — In this case I can better go others to add to your herbarium, as I suppose you would like to come in for a set, should you give these parcels

a second trip across the
continent, let me know if
you have already kept a
set for your own herb - or
should I take one out for
you? — Yes — Bentham to
"Take a bull in a China shop."
when he gets at genera - you
will see that I already ac-
cepted his Distichlis in flor-
aul. as it has priority — As to
Vaseya, he seems against both
yourself and Gray as well as
poor I - For you at the time
regarded it as generically distinct,
— Erioconia is just as good
as any genus in grasses - I can't
accept that - any how, ——
I return my old time label.
— I am convinced that there is much
to learn on the dioicity (or is it dicec-
ious) of grasses - I have some
puzzling observations on this - but
now I must say Hasta cras
and Lady

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"The Rins" ~~New York,~~ March 17 1882
"St, Patricks Day" at Nat.

My Dear Doctor — Your lucky
Lad of Mary did come, all
safely, and if I did not say
So, it was because I was flat
on my back where some of
my rebellious arteries kept
me — Every once a year or so
I amuse myself with spitting
blood — and lots of it — I have
been cussed and pen-cussed — pound
and listened at, and nothing
can be found fault with in my
lungs — but some nasty little
bronchial artery will bust out and
make trouble — for which the only
relief seems to be perfect quiet,
alternated with doses of that
greatest of all medicines, the

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fluid Extract of Ergot — a mean
looo botanical stuff — yah! — I
can taste it now — Nothing
same that Rhopalymenia herring
pickle stuff is so mean —
however. I am over the trouble,
I trust, for this year — I keep
big and fat, and dont get a
bit of credit for being an invalid.
I hope to get at the grass dis-
tribution soon, and will not
forget your liberality — and
am truly yours

George Thurber

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